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Latinos in the 2016 Election: Maryland

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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in Maryland.² All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in Maryland's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Maryland is the 17th largest in the nation. About 556,000 Hispanics reside in Maryland, 1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Maryland's population is 9% Hispanic, the 24th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 199,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Maryland—the 20th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and Maryland, 2014

	U.S.	Maryland	Maryland state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	5,976	19
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	556	17
Percent Hispanic	17.3	9.3	24
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	4,225	20
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	199	20
Percent Hispanic	11.3	4.7	26
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	35.8	43

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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- Some 5% of Maryland eligible voters are Hispanic, the 26th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.

¹ Eligible voters are defined as U.S. citizens ages 18 and older. Eligible voters are not the same as registered voters. To cast a vote, in all states except North Dakota, an eligible voter must first register to vote.

² The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably. References to other races and ethnicities are to the non-Hispanic components of those populations.

³ This statistical profile of eligible voters is based on the Census Bureau's 2014 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS). The ACS is the largest household survey in the United States, with a sample of about 3 million addresses. The data used for this statistical profile come from the 2014 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), representing a 1% sample of the U.S. population. Like any survey, estimates from the ACS are subject to sampling error and (potentially) measurement error. More information is available on [ACS sampling strategy](#) and [associated error](#).

- Some 36% of Hispanics in Maryland are eligible to vote, ranking Maryland 43rd nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 80% of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Maryland and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Maryland	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	318,857	55,251	5,976	556
Eligible voter population (thousands)	224,963	25,486	4,225	199
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.9	20.9	34.1
30-44	24.0	28.6	23.9	30.5
45-54	17.6	15.9	19.1	16.3
55-64	16.9	11.6	17.3	10.6
65 and older	19.8	11.0	18.7	8.4
Millennial (ages 18-33)	28.2	41.4	27.5	41.9
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	47.4	49.6
Female	51.6	51.1	52.6	50.4
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	90.0	60.3
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	10.0	39.7
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	88.8	34.8
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	11.2	65.2
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	3.8	64.3
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	8.8	16.8
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	26.5	24.0
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	29.3	33.7
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	35.5	25.5
Marital status				
Married	49.6	42.5	48.5	44.0
Never married	29.9	40.1	32.0	38.8
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	19.5	17.2
With child younger than 18 in home	23.5	28.7	23.7	30.6
Homeownership rate	66.7	55.2	70.3	66.8
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	18.9
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	16.6
Cuban	-	4.6	-	4.1
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	20.7
Dominican	-	3.4	-	5.0
Other	-	16.1	-	34.6
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	13.6	10.3
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	12.4	14.1
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	16.1	18.4
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	13.8	16.5
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	44.1	40.7

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Maryland, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
Total population (thousands)	556	3,133	1,749	366
Eligible voter population (thousands)	199	2,494	1,245	196
Age				
18-29	34.1	18.4	23.1	20.3
30-44	30.5	21.6	26.2	29.6
45-54	16.3	19.1	20.0	18.8
55-64	10.6	18.7	16.4	15.2
65 and older	8.4	22.3	14.2	16.1
Millennial (ages 18-33)	41.9	24.4	30.6	27.1
Gender				
Male	49.6	48.4	45.1	47.2
Female	50.4	51.6	54.9	52.8
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	60.3	96.9	91.8	22.7
Naturalized citizen	39.7	3.1	8.2	77.3
Language				
Speaks only English at home	34.8	95.7	94.2	22.9
Does not speak only English at home	65.2	4.3	5.8	77.1
Speaks Spanish at home	64.3	0.8	0.7	0.5
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	16.8	7.2	10.8	7.6
High school graduate	24.0	25.3	31.8	13.3
Two-year degree/Some college	33.7	27.4	32.9	21.3
Bachelor's degree or more	25.5	40.2	24.4	57.9
Marital status				
Married	44.0	55.3	33.9	64.0
Never married	38.8	25.4	44.6	25.1
Divorced/separated/widowed	17.2	19.3	21.5	10.9
With child younger than 18 in home	30.6	23.3	22.3	30.6
Homeownership rate	66.8	77.8	54.9	80.1
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	10.3	11.7	18.3	9.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	14.1	11.1	15.5	8.9
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.4	15.6	17.8	11.0
\$75,000-\$99,999	16.5	13.8	13.7	12.9
\$100,000 or more	40.7	47.9	34.7	57.6

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

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